

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

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| INVESTIGATION INTO THE PROPRIETY OF, | ) |                 |
| AND POTENTIAL SAFEGUARDS FOR, THE    | ) |                 |
| PROVISION OF LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE  | ) | CASE NO. 98-410 |
| BY GTE COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION    | ) |                 |
| AND BELL SOUTH BSE, INC.             | ) |                 |

O R D E R

On September 30, 1998, GTE Communications Corporation ("GTE-CC") filed a motion to reconsider the Order consolidating this proceeding with Case No. 97-417.<sup>1</sup> GTE-CC asserts that the Commission should reconsider its decision to consolidate these proceedings because they are "dramatically different" and the proceedings would not be identical.<sup>2</sup> GTE-CC argues it is not bound by Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, but instead has interLATA long-distance authority at this time and that its structure is separate from that of GTE South Incorporated, the operating company in Kentucky. BellSouth BSE, Inc., responds that, regardless of whether the Commission decides to consider the matters at the same time or separately, it should proceed without delay.

Having considered the motion and response, and having been otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that there is no reason to reconsider its

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<sup>1</sup> Case No. 97-417, Application of BellSouth BSE, Inc. for Authority to Provide Local Exchange Service.

<sup>2</sup> GTE-CC Motion at 1.

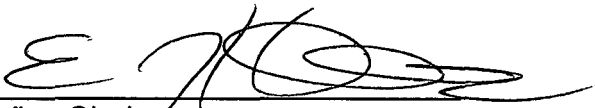
original decision. These matters present substantially similar issues and, therefore, should be considered in a single proceeding. Accordingly, GTE-CC's motion should be denied.

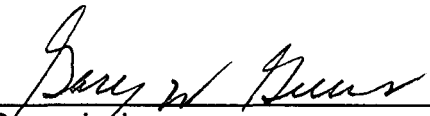
BE IT SO ORDERED.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 20th day of October, 1998.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
Chairman

  
Vice Chairman

  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director